

Deaf Culture Question of the Week – Oct 10-14, 2011
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World War II brought a lot of opportunity for deaf people to work at home in support of the war effort. Two major employers of deaf workers during World War II were headquartered Ohio. Which were these companies?

- a. Firestone & Goodyear Tire companies
- b. General Motors & Ford car companies
- c. The US Post Office & Department of Veteran Affairs
- d. Proctor & Gamble and Sears & Roebuck

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Answer: “a” – Firestone & Goodyear Tire companies – During the two world wars, deaf people found jobs in industries throughout the country. In Akron, Ohio, the Goodyear and Firestone tire and rubber companies recruited hundreds of deaf workers. By 1920 nearly 1,000 deaf employees were in the Goodyear and Firestone plants. But like women and minority workers, most deaf people lost their jobs at war's end as servicemen returned home and factories converted to peacetime production. (Cited from:

<http://my.gallaudet.edu/bbcswebdav/institution/Deaf%20Eyes%20Exhibit/community-02factory.htm>)

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